Archivists/Assistant Directors are recruited in the National Archives of India by open competition through the Union Public Service Commission while 50% of the vacancies are filled by Departmental promotion. The Archivists of the State Governments who fulfil the requisite qualifications are free to apply for the posts, which are always advertised by the Union Public Service Commission in all the leading newspapers. So the latter part of the Resolution should be delated.

(T) Appointment of Director of Archives

(20) Resolution by Shri J.K.Jain

"Resolved that the posts of the Director of Archives both at the Centre as well as in the States be filled-up by those personnels who possess archival qualifications or an experience of holding some responsible post in an archival repository of the country".

Explanatory Note

The archival science as such is quite nascent in our country and is in need of a lot of encouragement and protection at various levels. In the recent past it has been observed, specially in some of the States that the Archives Departments have either been functioning as a subordinate office of the State Secretariat or an Officer is given charge of the Archives Department who has hardly got experience of the field. This State of affairs is obviously a source of concern to all those who have got a love for the profession and would like to see it to flourish in a desired manner. This august body is, therefore, appraised of the fact so that it may voice its concern by adopting the aforesaid resolution.

Standing Committee's views:

The Resolution focuses attention on a very real and important problem. There are at least four major State Archives which even now are headed by Officers with no archival training or experience, and who are liable to get transferred by the time they pick up adequate knowledge about their technical work. It is necessary that heads of Archival Institutions must be professionally trained persons with adequate experience of archival work, able to guide and train the staff working under them.